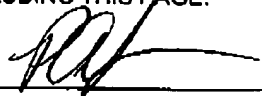


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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006. A petition for a one (1) month extension of time to extend the due date for response is included at the end of this paper. Kindly enter the following remarks and arguments, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested as it is believed that all outstanding issues have been addressed herein and, further, that claims 1-4 and 7-12 are in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions or matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

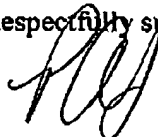
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension is one (1) month.

The fee for the requested extension of time is \$120. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any payment required under 37 CFR 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17, which are associated with this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

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